

**TOWN OF MILLBURY  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES  
MUNICIPAL OFFICE BUILDING- SELECTMEN'S MEETING ROOM**

**August 1, 2013**

**7:00 p.m.**

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**Present:** Board of Selectmen: E. Bernard Plante; Francis B. King; Brian M. Ashmankas; Sandra J. Cristo; Mary Krumsiek; Town Manager, Bob Spain; Neil Bluhm, Greg Carlin, Scott Strusiner, Robert Michaud, Tom Reilly, *The Millbury-Sutton Chronicle*; Donna Boynton, *The Telegram & Gazette*; Edd Cote and other concerned citizens.

The Selectmen approved a common Victualler License for Magna Graecia at 198 Millbury Ave, upon competition of all necessary inspections.

Motion to approve the Common Victualler License for Magna Graecia made by Selectman Krumsiek, seconded by Selectman King.

Motion carried unanimously.

Mass Gaming and Entertainment, a subsidiary of Chicago-based Rush Street Gaming, has proposed a \$200 million slots casino on 35 acres on McCracken Road, near Route 146 and the Shoppes at Blackstone Valley.

The casino would be 110,000 to 115,000 square feet, with up to 1,250 slot machines, a full-service restaurant and other food venues, live music area and a day spa. The casino would be open 24 hours a day.

Mr. Spain gave a summary of the host agreement signed on July 23, the town. Under that agreement, the town would receive \$3.25 million annually, which would increase by 2.5 percent each year beginning in the second year of operations. MGE would pay all consultant and legal costs and permitting fees associated with the project. In addition, MGE would pay the town an unrestricted \$500,000 before the start of construction.

In addition, MGE would also garage all company vehicles in town and pay all excise taxes in Millbury, as well as meals tax revenue. Millbury residents would be given preference when hiring for the construction work and 400 to 450 permanent jobs associated with the casino. MGE would also make all public infrastructure improvements as required by the Planning Board, construct a 350-square-foot police department office at the casino, prepare a public safety plan, and reimburse the town up to \$50,000 per year for increased public safety costs.

Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC made a presentation regarding a 1250 slot machine parlor being built on McCracken Road. Neil Bluhm, Greg Carlin, David Patent spoke regarding the project in Millbury. \*see attached.

Robert Michaud from MDM Transportation Consultants, Inc. spoke regarding the traffic study that he put together. \*see attached.

Questions from the audience were asked regarding crime, proximity to schools, addiction, traffic, revenue, jobs and public safety.

**Adjournment**

Motion made by Selectman King to adjourn at 9:40 p.m., seconded by Selectman Krumsiek.  
Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tish Hayes, Secretary

E. Bernard Plante

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